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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE ON ARAB OIL "LEAKED"  
INTO US DESPITE EMBARGO

REF: JIDDA 1878

1. APRIL 10 FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE BY GUY DE  
JONQUIERES, DATELINE NEW YORK, CITES LATEST IMPORT  
STATISTICS, COVERING PERIOD NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY, PUBLISHED  
BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHOWING US IMPORTED 18  
MILLION BARRELS IN NOVEMBER AND 7 MILLION BARRELS IN  
DECEMBER FROM SAUDI ARABIA. FT NOTES CONTINUATION OF  
THESE SHIPMENTS IS ATTRIBUTED LARGELY TO DELIVERY OF  
CRUDE ALREADY IN TRANSIT WHEN EMBARGO DECLARED.

2. FT NOTES HOWEVER IMPORTS ARRIVING IN US DIRECTLY  
FROM SAUDI ARABIA WERE 257,187 BARRELS IN JANUARY AND  
552,212 BARRELS IN FEBRUARY. FT REPORTS US OFFICIALS  
HAVE NO COMPLETE EXPLANATION FOR THIS LOOPHOLE, THOUGH  
THEY SAY TINY AMOUNTS INVOLVED SUGGEST THAT "LEAKAGE"  
WAS NOT DELIBERATE.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT UNWISE TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY BBC  
ACTUALLY REPORTED SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HAD SAID  
QUOTE SAUDI ARABIA HAD BROKEN THE ARAB OIL BOYCOTT  
UNQUOTE.

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